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July 1, 2003

In reply refer to: C-4

VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. Dan Seligman Columbia Research Corporation 209 W. Evergreen Blvd., Suite 605 Vancouver, WA 98660

Re: FOIA Request #03-025

Dear Mr. Seligman:

This letter responds to your FOIA request of May 5, 2003, regarding communications "between BPA and representatives of public power regarding the proposed adoption of the \$200 million risk reduction provision" contained in contracts between BPA and Puget Sound Energy, Inc., and PacifiCorp, respectively. We appreciate your patience while we searched our records for information dating back over two years. We enclose the following material as responsive to your request:

- 1. An e-mail dated April 3, 2001, from BPA employee Larry Kitchen to other BPA employees, discussing a conversation between Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Terry Mundorf regarding a proposal by Mr. Mundorf to settle litigation regarding the IOU Subscription Settlement Agreements;
- 2. Hand-written notes by Larry Kitchen regarding a meeting with customers "to talk about contingency language" to be set up for "Wed at 5 room 606."
- 3. The Wednesday, May 16, 2001, calendar for Paul Norman indicating a meeting entitled "IOUs/Mundorf/Saven CR606 5b9c/DSI Contingency/IOU Buyback" from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 4. Hand-written notes by Larry Kitchen from a meeting with "Mundorf, Leone, Saven's rep./Geoff Carr."

In the above-noted meetings, BPA discussed the proposed PacifiCorp and Puget load reduction agreements with the representatives of BPA's preference customers.

In your FOIA request, you indicated a willingness to pay fees. We have determined that the research and review charges to process your FOIA request total \$50.00. An invoice for this amount will be sent under separate cover.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may appeal the adequacy of BPA's search by making an appeal within thirty (30) calendar days from your receipt of this letter to: The Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. Both the envelope and letter must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act. Appeal."

Sincerely,

Gary Insléy

Enclosures

Insley, Gary - PTS-5

From:

Kitchen, Larry - PT-5

Sent:

Tuesday, April 03, 2001 1:25 PM

To:

Cherry, Diane - PSP; Leathley, Kimberly - PTP-5; Casad, Kurt R - LP-7; Lovell, Byrne - KP-7;

Insley, Gary - PTS-5; Wilson, Scott - PT-5; Miller, Mark - PT-5; Evans, Liz - PSW; Keep,

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Oliver, Stephen - PT-5; Burns, Allen - PS-6; Norman, Paul - P

Subject:

One Year IOU Rate Mitigation Proposal

Diane, Paul had a discussion with Terry Mundorf yesterday afternoon where Terry suggested we pursue a one year rate mitigation proposal with the IOUs. I followed up with a phone call today and asked Terry to flesh out his idea. I drafted this proposal based on that conversation and got Terry's confirmation that it accurately reflected the conversation. I think this would be a viable proposal to put before the PUCs and see how they react.

There are several financial issues that need fine-tuning. I have assumed that the contingent cash payment in the proposal is not included in the load based CRAC. I have also assumed that BPA can pay interest on a deferred payment without violating any Federal statutes.

The other catch is getting it blessed by PBL and then BPA management by the 10th. I think this proposal should be considered as an option tomorrow afternoon. The other two options are to proceed to ask for a 25% reduction in benefits by June 1without any consideration other than asking the publics to attempt to settle at some future date or seeking a global settlement and asking to buy back power prior to the settlement. Larry

One Year IOU Subscription Glob...

One Year IOU Subscription Global Settlement Proposal

Goals:

- Achieve a global settlement between the IOUs and the Public Utilities regarding IOU Subscription Settlement Agreements
- Lower the first year BPA wholesale rate increase due to the load-based CRAC

Proposal

- Public agencies would agree to place their litigation on the IOU Subscription Settlement Agreements in abeyance pending settlement discussions
- IOUs would contribute their regional share to rate mitigation through a 5% reduction in their benefits for the first year
- IOUs would provide this reduction to BPA through a negotiated firm power sale at a below market price:
- IOUs would provide BPA 500 aMW of firm power at \$75/MWh for one year from October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, either on a prorata basis or as negotiated among the IOUs
- BPA would agree to make a contingent payment to each IOU if a global settlement is not concluded based on the following formula:
- The contingent payment would equal the difference between the market value for the one-year power delivery determined during the five business days prior to June 1, 2001, for power less the \$75 purchase price less 5% of the calculated value of the IOU Subscription Settlement benefits.
- The contingent payments would be made by BPA the later of October 1, 2002, or the date BPA determines such payment will not result in triggering BPA's financial cost recovery adjustment clause. If BPA defers such payment beyond October 1, 2002, the amount of the payment will be increased by percent per month.

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